

COHOMOLOGIES OF CERTAIN ORBIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. We study the Bott-Chern cohomology of complex orbifolds obtained as quotient of a compact complex manifold by a finite group of biholomorphisms.

INTRODUCTION

In order to investigate cohomological aspects of compact complex non-Kähler manifolds, and in particular with the aim to get results allowing to construct new examples of non-Kähler manifolds, we study the cohomology of complex orbifolds.

Namely, an *orbifold* (or *V-manifold*, as introduced by I. Satake, [21]) is a singular complex space whose singularities are locally isomorphic to quotient singularities \mathbb{C}^n/G , for finite subgroups $G \subset \mathrm{GL}(n; \mathbb{C})$, where n is the complex dimension: in other words, local geometry of orbifolds reduces to local G -invariant geometry. A special case is provided by orbifolds of global-quotient type, namely, by orbifolds $\tilde{X} = X/G$, where X is a complex manifold and G is a finite group of biholomorphisms of X ; such orbifolds have been studied, among others, by D. D. Joyce in constructing examples of compact manifolds with special holonomy, see [13, 12, 14, 15]. As proven by I. Satake, and W. L. Baily, from the cohomological point of view, one can adapt both the sheaf-theoretic and the analytic tools for the study of the de Rham and Dolbeault cohomology of complex orbifolds, [21, 4, 5].

In particular, an useful tool in studying the cohomological properties of non-Kähler manifolds is provided by the *Bott-Chern cohomology*, that is, the bi-graded algebra

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(X) := \frac{\ker \partial \cap \ker \bar{\partial}}{\mathrm{im} \partial \bar{\partial}}.$$

While for compact Kähler manifolds X one has that the Bott-Chern cohomology is naturally isomorphic to the Dolbeault cohomology, [8, Lemma 5.15, Remark 5.16, 5.21, Lemma 5.11], in general, for compact non-Kähler manifolds X , the natural maps $H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(X) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(X)$ and $H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(X) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(X; \mathbb{C})$ induced by the identity are neither injective nor surjective. One says that a compact complex manifold *satisfies the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma* if every ∂ -closed $\bar{\partial}$ -closed d-exact form is $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact, that is, if the natural map $H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(X) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(X; \mathbb{C})$ is injective; compact Kähler manifolds provide the main examples of complex manifolds satisfying the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma, [8, Lemma 5.11], other than motivations for their study.

In this note, we study the *Bott-Chern cohomology* of compact complex orbifolds $\tilde{X} = X/G$ of global-quotient type, (where X is a compact complex manifold and G is a finite group of biholomorphisms of X), that is, the bi-graded \mathbb{C} -algebra

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) := \frac{\ker \partial \cap \ker \bar{\partial}}{\mathrm{im} \partial \bar{\partial}}$$

where $\partial: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet} \tilde{X}$ and $\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{X}$, and $\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}$ is the bi-graded \mathbb{C} -vector space of *differential forms* on \tilde{X} , that is, of G -invariant differential forms on X . We prove the following result, see Theorem 2.1.

Theorem. *Let $\tilde{X} = X/G$ be a compact complex orbifold of complex dimension n , where X is a compact complex manifold and G is a finite group of biholomorphisms of X . For any $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a canonical isomorphism*

$$H_{BC}^{p, q}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \frac{\ker(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{X}) \cap \ker(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{X})}{\mathrm{im}(\partial\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X})},$$

where $\mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X}$ denotes the space of currents of bi-degree (p, q) on \tilde{X} , that is, the space of G -invariant currents of bi-degree (p, q) on X .

Furthermore, given a Hermitian metric on \tilde{X} (that is, a G -invariant Hermitian metric on X), there are canonical isomorphisms

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \quad \text{and} \quad H_A^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A,$$

where $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$ and $\tilde{\Delta}_A$ are the 4th order self-adjoint elliptic differential operators

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} := (\partial\bar{\partial})(\partial\bar{\partial})^* + (\partial\bar{\partial})^*(\partial\bar{\partial}) + (\bar{\partial}^*\partial)(\bar{\partial}^*\partial)^* + (\bar{\partial}^*\partial)^*(\bar{\partial}^*\partial) + \bar{\partial}^*\bar{\partial} + \partial^*\partial \in \mathrm{End}(\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})$$

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and

$$\tilde{\Delta}_A := \partial\partial^* + \overline{\partial}\overline{\partial}^* + (\partial\overline{\partial})^* (\partial\overline{\partial}) + (\partial\overline{\partial}) (\partial\overline{\partial})^* + (\overline{\partial}\partial^*)^* (\overline{\partial}\partial^*) + (\overline{\partial}\partial^*) (\overline{\partial}\partial^*)^* \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}).$$

In particular, the Hodge-*operator induces an isomorphism

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet,1,\bullet,2}(\tilde{X}) \simeq H_A^{n-\bullet,2,n-\bullet,1}(\tilde{X}).$$

As regards the $\partial\overline{\partial}$ -Lemma for complex orbifolds, by adapting a result by R. O. Wells in [23], we get the following result, see Corollary 3.2.

Corollary. *Let \tilde{Y} and \tilde{X} be compact complex orbifolds of the same complex dimension, and let $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ be a proper surjective morphism of complex orbifolds. If \tilde{Y} satisfies the $\partial\overline{\partial}$ -Lemma, then also \tilde{X} satisfies the $\partial\overline{\partial}$ -Lemma.*

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1. PRELIMINARIES ON ORBIFOLDS

The notion of orbifold has been introduced by I. Satake in [21], with the name of *V-manifold*, and has been studied, among many others, by W. L. Baily, [4, 5].

In this section, we start by recalling the main definitions and some classical results concerning complex orbifolds and their cohomology, referring to [16, 15, 21, 4, 5].

A *complex orbifold of complex dimension n* is a singular complex space whose singularities are locally isomorphic to quotient singularities \mathbb{C}^n/G , for finite subgroups $G \subset \text{GL}(n; \mathbb{C})$, [21, Definition 2].

By definition, an object (e.g., a *differential form*, a *Riemannian metric*, a *Hermitian metric*) on a complex orbifold \tilde{X} is defined locally at $x \in \tilde{X}$ as a G_x -invariant object on \mathbb{C}^n , where $G_x \subseteq \text{GL}(n; \mathbb{C})$ is such that \tilde{X} is locally isomorphic to \mathbb{C}^n/G_x at x .

Given \tilde{X} and \tilde{Y} complex orbifolds, a *morphism $f: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ of complex orbifolds* is a morphism of complex spaces given, locally at $y \in \tilde{Y}$, by a map $\mathbb{C}^m/H_y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/G_{f(y)}$, where \tilde{Y} is locally isomorphic to \mathbb{C}^m/H_y at y and \tilde{X} is locally isomorphic to $\mathbb{C}^n/G_{f(y)}$ at $f(y)$.

In particular, one gets a differential complex $(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}, d)$, and a double complex $(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}, \partial, \overline{\partial})$. Define the de Rham, Dolbeault, Bott-Chern, and Aeppli cohomology groups of \tilde{X} respectively as

$$\begin{aligned} H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}) &:= \frac{\ker d}{\text{im } d}, & H_{\overline{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) &:= \frac{\ker \overline{\partial}}{\text{im } \overline{\partial}}, \\ H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) &:= \frac{\ker \partial \cap \ker \overline{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial \overline{\partial}}, & H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) &:= \frac{\ker \partial \overline{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial + \text{im } \overline{\partial}}. \end{aligned}$$

The structure of double complex of $(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}, \partial, \overline{\partial})$ induces naturally a spectral sequence $\{(E_r^{\bullet,\bullet}, d_r)\}_{r \in \mathbb{N}}$, called *Hodge and Frölicher spectral sequence of \tilde{X}* , such that $E_1^{\bullet,\bullet} \simeq H_{\overline{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X})$ (see, e.g., [19, §2.4]). Hence, one has the *Frölicher inequality*, see [11, Theorem 2],

$$\sum_{p+q=k} \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{\overline{\partial}}^{p,q}(\tilde{X}) \geq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{dR}^k(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}),$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Given a Riemannian metric on a complex orbifold \tilde{X} of complex dimension n , one can consider the \mathbb{R} -linear Hodge-*operator $*_g: \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{2n-\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}$, and hence the 2nd order self-adjoint elliptic differential operator $\Delta := [d, d^*] := d d^* + d^* d \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X})$.

Analogously, given a Hermitian metric on a complex orbifold \tilde{X} of complex dimension n , one can consider the \mathbb{C} -linear Hodge-*operator $*_g: \wedge^{\bullet,1,\bullet,2}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{n-\bullet,2,n-\bullet,1}\tilde{X}$, and hence the 2nd order self-adjoint elliptic differential operator $\square := [\overline{\partial}, \overline{\partial}^*] := \overline{\partial}\overline{\partial}^* + \overline{\partial}^*\overline{\partial} \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X})$. Furthermore, in [17, Proposition 5], and [22, §2], the following 4th order self-adjoint elliptic differential operators are defined:

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} := (\partial\overline{\partial})(\partial\overline{\partial})^* + (\partial\overline{\partial})^*(\partial\overline{\partial}) + (\overline{\partial}^*\partial)(\overline{\partial}^*\partial)^* + (\overline{\partial}^*\partial)^*(\overline{\partial}^*\partial) + \overline{\partial}^*\overline{\partial} + \partial^*\partial \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X})$$

and

$$\tilde{\Delta}_A := \partial\partial^* + \overline{\partial}\overline{\partial}^* + (\partial\overline{\partial})^*(\partial\overline{\partial}) + (\partial\overline{\partial})(\partial\overline{\partial})^* + (\overline{\partial}\partial^*)^*(\overline{\partial}\partial^*) + (\overline{\partial}\partial^*)(\overline{\partial}\partial^*)^* \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}).$$

As a matter of notation, given a compact complex orbifold \tilde{X} of complex dimension n , denote the constant sheaf with coefficients in \mathbb{R} over \tilde{X} by $\mathbb{R}_{\tilde{X}}$, the sheaf of germs of smooth functions over \tilde{X} by $\mathcal{C}_{\tilde{X}}^{\infty}$, the sheaf of germs of (p, q) -forms (for $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$) over \tilde{X} by $\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{p,q}$, the sheaf of germs of k -forms (for $k \in \mathbb{N}$) over \tilde{X} by $\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^k$, the sheaf of germs

of bidimension- (p, q) -currents (for $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$) over \tilde{X} by $\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{n-p, n-q} := \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{n-p, n-q}$, the sheaf of germs of dimension- k -currents (for $k \in \mathbb{N}$) over \tilde{X} by $\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{2n-k} := \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{2n-k}$, and the sheaf of holomorphic p -forms (for $p \in \mathbb{N}$) over \tilde{X} by $\Omega_{\tilde{X}}^p$.

The following result, concerning the de Rham cohomology of a compact complex orbifold, has been proven by I. Satake, [21], and by W. L. Baily, [4].

Theorem 1.1 ([21, Theorem 1], [4, Theorem H]). *Let \tilde{X} be a compact complex orbifold of complex dimension n . There is a canonical isomorphism*

$$H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq \check{H}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}_{\tilde{X}}) .$$

Furthermore, given a Riemannian metric on \tilde{X} , there is a canonical isomorphism

$$H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq \ker \Delta .$$

In particular, the Hodge- $*$ -operator induces an isomorphism

$$H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq H_{dR}^{2n-\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) .$$

The isomorphism $H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq \ker \Delta$ can be seen as a consequence of a more general decomposition theorem on compact orbifolds, [4, Theorem D], which holds for 2^{nd} order self-adjoint elliptic differential operators. In particular, as regards the Dolbeault cohomology, the following result by W. L. Baily, [5, 4], holds.

Theorem 1.2 ([5, page 807], [4, Theorem K]). *Let \tilde{X} be a compact complex orbifold of complex dimension n . There is a canonical isomorphism*

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \check{H}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}; \Omega_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}) .$$

Furthermore, given a Hermitian metric on X , there is a canonical isomorphism

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \square .$$

In particular, the Hodge- $*$ -operator induces an isomorphism

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq H_{\bar{\partial}}^{n-\bullet, n-\bullet}(\tilde{X}) .$$

2. BOTT-CHERN COHOMOLOGY OF COMPLEX ORBIFOLDS OF GLOBAL-QUOTIENT TYPE

Compact complex orbifolds of the type $\tilde{X} = X/G$, where X is a compact complex manifold and G is a finite group of biholomorphisms of X , constitute one of the simplest examples of singular manifolds: more precisely, in this section, we study the Bott-Chern cohomology for such orbifolds, proving that it can be defined using either currents or forms, or also by computing the G -invariant $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$ -harmonic forms on X , Theorem 2.1.

Consider

$$\tilde{X} = X/G ,$$

where X is a compact complex manifold and G is a finite group of biholomorphisms of X : by the Bochner linearization theorem, [6, Theorem 1], see also [20, Theorem 1.7.2], \tilde{X} turns out to be an orbifold as in I. Satake's definition.

Such orbifolds of global-quotient type have been considered and studied by D. D. Joyce in constructing examples of compact 7-dimensional manifolds with holonomy G_2 , [13] and [15, Chapters 11-12], and examples of compact 8-dimensional manifolds with holonomy $\text{Spin}(7)$, [12, 14] and [15, Chapters 13-14]. See also [10, 7] for the use of orbifolds of global-quotient type to construct a compact 8-dimensional simply-connected non-formal symplectic manifold (which do not satisfy, respectively satisfy, the Hard Lefschetz condition), answering to a question by I. K. Babenko and I. A. Taĭmanov, [3, Problem].

Since G is a finite group of biholomorphisms, the singular set of \tilde{X} is

$$\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) = \{xG \in X/G : x \in X \text{ and } g \cdot x = x \text{ for some } g \in G \setminus \{\text{id}_X\}\} .$$

We provide the following result, concerning Bott-Chern and Aeppli cohomologies of compact complex orbifolds of global-quotient type.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\tilde{X} = X/G$ be a compact complex orbifold of complex dimension n , where X is a compact complex manifold and G is a finite group of biholomorphisms of X . For any $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a canonical isomorphism*

$$(1) \quad H_{BC}^{p, q}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \frac{\ker(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{X}) \cap \ker(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\partial\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X})} .$$

Furthermore, given a Hermitian metric on \tilde{X} , there are canonical isomorphisms

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \quad \text{and} \quad H_A^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A .$$

In particular, the Hodge*-operator induces an isomorphism

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet, 2}(\tilde{X}) \simeq H_A^{n-\bullet, n-\bullet, 1}(\tilde{X}).$$

Proof. We use the same argument as in the proof of [1, Theorem 3.7] to show that, since the de Rham cohomology and the Dolbeault cohomology of \tilde{X} can be computed using either differential forms or currents, the same holds true for the Bott-Chern and the Aeppli cohomologies.

Indeed, note that, for any $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$, one has the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow & \frac{\text{im} \left(d: \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right) \cap \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X}}{\text{im} \left(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \right)} \\ \rightarrow & \frac{\ker \left(d: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \right)} \rightarrow \frac{\ker \left(d: \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q+1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right)}{\text{im} \left(d: \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the maps are induced by the identity. By [21, Theorem 1], one has

$$\frac{\ker \left(d: \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q+1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right)}{\text{im} \left(d: \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right)} \simeq \frac{\ker \left(d: \left(\wedge^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\wedge^{p+q+1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right)}{\text{im} \left(d: \left(\wedge^{p+q-1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\wedge^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right)},$$

therefore it suffices to prove that the space

$$\frac{\text{im} \left(d: \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p+q} \tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \right) \right) \cap \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X}}{\text{im} \left(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \right)}$$

can be computed using just differential forms on \tilde{X} .

Firstly, we note that, since, by [5, page 807],

$$\frac{\ker \left(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \right)} \simeq \frac{\ker \left(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \right)},$$

one has that, if $\psi \in \wedge^{r,s} \tilde{X}$ is a $\bar{\partial}$ -closed differential form, then every solution $\phi \in \mathcal{D}^{r,s-1}$ of $\bar{\partial}\phi = \psi$ is a differential form up to $\bar{\partial}$ -exact terms. Indeed, since $[\psi] = 0$ in $\frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \mathcal{D}^{r,s} \tilde{X}}{\text{im} \bar{\partial}}$ and hence in $\frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \wedge^{r,s} \tilde{X}}{\text{im} \bar{\partial}}$, there is a differential form $\alpha \in \wedge^{r,s-1} \tilde{X}$ such that $\psi = \bar{\partial}\alpha$. Hence, $\phi - \alpha \in \mathcal{D}^{r,s-1} \tilde{X}$ defines a class in $\frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \mathcal{D}^{r,s-1} \tilde{X}}{\text{im} \bar{\partial}} \simeq \frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \wedge^{r,s-1} \tilde{X}}{\text{im} \bar{\partial}}$, and hence $\phi - \alpha$ is a differential form up to a $\bar{\partial}$ -exact form, and so ϕ is.

By conjugation, if $\psi \in \wedge^{r,s} \tilde{X}$ is a ∂ -closed differential form, then every solution $\phi \in \mathcal{D}^{r-1,s}$ of $\partial\phi = \psi$ is a differential form up to ∂ -exact terms.

Now, let

$$\omega^{p,q} = d\eta \quad \text{mod} \quad \text{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \in \frac{\text{im} d \cap \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X}}{\text{im} \partial \bar{\partial}}.$$

Decomposing $\eta =: \sum_{p,q} \eta^{p,q}$ in pure-type components, where $\eta^{p,q} \in \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X}$, the previous equality is equivalent to the system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lll} \partial \eta^{p+q-1,0} & = & 0 \quad \text{mod} \quad \text{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{p+q-\ell-1, \ell} + \partial \eta^{p+q-\ell-1, \ell} & = & 0 \quad \text{mod} \quad \text{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \quad \text{for } \ell \in \{1, \dots, q-1\} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{p,q-1} + \partial \eta^{p-1,q} & = & \omega^{p,q} \quad \text{mod} \quad \text{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{\ell, p+q-\ell-1} + \partial \eta^{\ell-1, p+q-\ell} & = & 0 \quad \text{mod} \quad \text{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \quad \text{for } \ell \in \{1, \dots, p-1\} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{0, p+q-1} & = & 0 \quad \text{mod} \quad \text{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \end{array} \right.$$

By the above argument, we may suppose that, for $\ell \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$, the currents $\eta^{\ell, p+q-\ell-1}$ are differential form: indeed, they are differential form up to $\bar{\partial}$ -exact terms, but $\bar{\partial}$ -exact terms give no contribution in the system, which is modulo $\text{im} \partial \bar{\partial}$. Analogously, we may suppose that, for $\ell \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}$, the currents $\eta^{p+q-\ell-1, \ell}$ are differential form. Then we may suppose that $\omega^{p,q} = \bar{\partial} \eta^{p,q-1} + \partial \eta^{p-1,q}$ is a differential form. Hence (1) is proven.

Now, we prove that, fixed a G -invariant Hermitian metric on \tilde{X} , the Bott-Chern cohomology of \tilde{X} is isomorphic to the space of $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$ -harmonic G -invariant forms on X . Indeed, since the elements of G commute with ∂ , $\bar{\partial}$, ∂^* , and $\bar{\partial}^*$, and hence with $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$, the following decomposition, [22, Théorème 2.2],

$$\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} X = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \oplus \partial \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} X \oplus \left(\partial^* \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet} X + \bar{\partial}^* \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet+1} X \right)$$

induces a decomposition

$$\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \oplus \partial \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \oplus \left(\partial^* \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet} \tilde{X} + \bar{\partial}^* \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{X} \right);$$

more precisely, let $\alpha \in \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}$, that is, α is a G -invariant form on X ; if α has a decomposition $\alpha = h_\alpha + \partial \bar{\partial} \beta + (\partial^* \gamma + \bar{\partial}^* \eta)$ with $h_\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \eta \in \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} X$ such that $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} h_\alpha = 0$, then one has

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \alpha &= \left(\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* h_\alpha \right) + \partial \bar{\partial} \left(\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \beta \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\partial^* \left(\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \gamma \right) + \bar{\partial}^* \left(\eta \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* h_\alpha$, $\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \beta$, $\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \gamma$, $\eta \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \in \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}$ and

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \left(\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* h_\alpha \right) = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* (\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} h_\alpha) = 0.$$

As regards the Aeppli cohomology, one has the decomposition, [22, §2.c],

$$\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} X = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A \oplus (\partial \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet} X + \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet-1} X) \oplus (\partial \bar{\partial})^* \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} X,$$

and hence the decomposition

$$\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A \oplus (\partial \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet} \tilde{X} + \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X}) \oplus (\partial \bar{\partial})^* \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X},$$

from which one gets the isomorphism $H_A^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A$.

Finally, note that the Hodge-*operator $*$: $\wedge^{\bullet_1, \bullet_2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{n-\bullet_2, n-\bullet_1} \tilde{X}$ sends $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$ -harmonic forms to $\tilde{\Delta}_A$ -harmonic forms, and hence it induces an isomorphism

$$*: H_{BC}^{\bullet_1, \bullet_2}(\tilde{X}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_A^{n-\bullet_2, n-\bullet_1}(\tilde{X}),$$

concluding the proof. \square

Remark 2.2. We note that another proof of the isomorphism

$$H_{BC}^{p,q}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \frac{\ker(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1,q} \tilde{X}) \cap \ker(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X})},$$

and a proof of the isomorphism

$$H_A^{p,q}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1,q+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p,q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X})}$$

follow from the sheaf-theoretic interpretation of the Bott-Chern and Aeppli cohomologies, developed by J.-P. Demailly, [9, §V I.12.1] and M. Schweitzer, [22, §4], see also [18, §3.2].

We recall that, for any $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$, the complex $(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}})$ of sheaves is defined as

$$(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}}) : \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{0,0} \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=1 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q-2 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots,$$

and the complex $(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}})$ of sheaves is defined as

$$(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}}) : \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{0,0} \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=1 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q-2 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots,$$

where pr denotes the projection onto the appropriate space.

Take ϕ a germ of a d-closed k -form on \tilde{X} , with $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, that is, a germ of a G -invariant k -form on X ; by the Poincaré lemma, see, e.g., [9, I.1.22], there exists ψ a germ of a $(k-1)$ -form on X such that $\phi = d\psi$; since ϕ is G -invariant, one has

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* (d\psi) = d \left(\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi \right),$$

that is, taking the germ of the G -invariant $(k-1)$ -form

$$\tilde{\psi} := \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi$$

on X , one gets a germ of a $(k-1)$ -form on \tilde{X} such that $\phi = d\tilde{\psi}$. As regards the case $k=0$, one has straightforwardly that every $(G$ -invariant) d -closed function on X is locally constant. The same argument applies for the sheaves of currents, by using the Poincaré lemma for currents, see, e.g., [9, Theorem I.2.24].

Analogously, take ϕ a germ of a $\bar{\partial}$ -closed (p, q) -form (respectively, bidimension- (p, q) -current) on \tilde{X} , with $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, that is, a germ of a G -invariant (p, q) -form (respectively, bidimension- (p, q) -current) on X ; by the Dolbeault and Grothendieck lemma, see, e.g., [9, I.3.29], there exists ψ a germ of a $(p, q-1)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q-1)$ -current) on X such that $\phi = \bar{\partial}\psi$; since ϕ is G -invariant, one has

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* (\bar{\partial}\psi) = \bar{\partial} \left(\frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi \right),$$

that is, taking the germ of the G -invariant $(p, q-1)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q-1)$ -current)

$$\tilde{\psi} := \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi$$

on X , one gets a germ of a $(p, q-1)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q-1)$ -current) on \tilde{X} such that $\phi = \bar{\partial}\tilde{\psi}$. As regards the case $q=0$, one has that every $(G$ -invariant) $\bar{\partial}$ -closed bidimension- $(p, 0)$ -current on X is locally a holomorphic p -form, see, e.g., [9, I.3.29].

By the Poincaré lemma and the Dolbeault and Grothendieck lemma, one gets M. Schweitzer's lemma [22, Lemme 4.1], which can be extended also to the context of orbifolds by using the same trick; this allows to prove that the map

$$\left(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right)$$

of complexes of sheaves is a quasi-isomorphism, and hence, see, e.g., [9, §IV.12.6], for every $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mathbb{H}^{\ell} \left(\tilde{X}; \left(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \mathbb{H}^{\ell} \left(\tilde{X}; \left(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right).$$

Since, for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the sheaves $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{k, p, q}$ and $\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{k, p, q}$ are fine (indeed, they are sheaves of $(\mathcal{C}_X^{\infty} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C})$ -modules over a paracompact space), one has, see, e.g., [9, IV.4.19, (IV.12.9)],

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-1} \left(\tilde{X}; \left(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left(\partial: \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \right) \cap \ker \left(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)}$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-1} \left(\tilde{X}; \left(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \right) \cap \ker \left(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)},$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-2} \left(\tilde{X}; \left(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left(\partial: \wedge^{p-2, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right) + \text{im} \left(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p-1, q-2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right)}$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-2} \left(\tilde{X}; \left(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{p-2, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right) + \text{im} \left(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right)},$$

proving the stated isomorphisms.

3. COMPLEX ORBIFOLDS SATISFYING THE $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -LEMMA

We recall that a bounded double complex $(K^{\bullet, \bullet}, d', d'')$ of vector spaces, whose associated simple complex is (K^{\bullet}, d) with $d := d' + d''$, is said to *satisfy the $d' d''$ -Lemma*, [8], if

$$\ker d' \cap \ker d'' \cap \text{im } d = \text{im } d' d'';$$

other equivalent conditions are provided in [8, Lemma 5.15].

An orbifold \tilde{X} is said to *satisfy the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma* if the double complex $(\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}, \partial, \bar{\partial})$ satisfies the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma, that is, if every ∂ -closed $\bar{\partial}$ -closed d -exact form is $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact, namely, in other words, if the natural map $H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C})$ induced by the identity is injective.

Characterizations of compact complex manifolds satisfying the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma in terms of their cohomological properties have been provided by P. Deligne, Ph. Griffiths, J. Morgan and D. Sullivan in [8, Proposition 5.17, 5.21], and by the author and A. Tomassini in [2, Theorem B]. As a corollary of their characterization, P. Deligne, Ph. Griffiths, J. Morgan and D. Sullivan proved that, given X and Y compact complex manifolds of the same dimension and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a holomorphic birational map, if X satisfies the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma, then also Y satisfies the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma, [8, Theorem 5.22].

In this section, we extend [8, Theorem 5.22] to the case of orbifolds, by straightforwardly adapting a result by R. O. Wells, [23, Theorem 3.1], to the orbifold case.

Theorem 3.1 (see [23, Theorem 3.1]). *Let \tilde{Y} and \tilde{X} be compact complex orbifolds of the same complex dimension, and let $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ be a proper surjective morphism of complex orbifolds. Then the map $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ induces injective maps*

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{R}) , \quad \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) , \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) .$$

Proof. We follow closely the proof of [23, Theorem 3.1] and adapt it to the orbifold case.

Step 1 – Notations. The morphism $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ of complex orbifolds induces morphisms

$$\epsilon^*: \wedge^\bullet \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^\bullet \tilde{Y} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y}$$

of \mathbb{R} -vector spaces and \mathbb{C} -vector spaces, and hence, by duality,

$$\epsilon_*: \mathcal{D}_{\bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\bullet} \tilde{X} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*: \mathcal{D}_{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} .$$

Moreover, recall that, for $X \in \{\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}\}$, there are natural inclusions

$$T: \wedge^\bullet X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\bullet X := \mathcal{D}_{2n-\bullet} X \quad \text{and} \quad T: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} X := \mathcal{D}_{n-\bullet, n-\bullet} X ,$$

where n is the complex dimension of X .

Both ϵ^* and ϵ_* commute with d , ∂ and $\bar{\partial}$, and hence they induce morphisms of complexes

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: (\wedge^\bullet \tilde{X}, d) \rightarrow (\wedge^\bullet \tilde{Y}, d) \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*^{dR}: (\mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{Y}, d) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{X}, d) ,$$

and, for any $p \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: (\wedge^{p, \bullet} \tilde{X}, \bar{\partial}) \rightarrow (\wedge^{p, \bullet} \tilde{Y}, \bar{\partial}) \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*^{\bar{\partial}}: (\mathcal{D}^{p, \bullet} \tilde{Y}, \bar{\partial}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p, \bullet} \tilde{X}, \bar{\partial}) ,$$

and, for any $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\epsilon_{BC}^*: \left(\wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial + \bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \oplus \wedge^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right) \rightarrow \left(\wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial + \bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p+1, q} \tilde{Y} \oplus \wedge^{p, q+1} \tilde{Y} \right)$$

and

$$\epsilon_*^{BC}: \left(\mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial + \bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{Y} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{Y} \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial + \bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right) ;$$

hence, they induce morphisms between the corresponding cohomologies:

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{R}) , \quad \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) , \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) .$$

Recall that T commutes with d , ∂ and $\bar{\partial}$, and hence it induces, for $X \in \{\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}\}$, morphisms

$$T: (\wedge^\bullet X, d) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^\bullet X, d) ,$$

and, for any $p \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$T: (\wedge^{p, \bullet} X, \bar{\partial}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p, \bullet} X, \bar{\partial}) ,$$

and, for any $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$T: \left(\wedge^{p-1, q-1} X \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p, q} X \xrightarrow{\partial + \bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p+1, q} X \oplus \wedge^{p, q+1} X \right) \rightarrow \left(\mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} X \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p, q} X \xrightarrow{\partial + \bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} X \oplus \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} X \right) ;$$

by [21, Theorem 1], by [5, page 807], and by Theorem 2.1, these maps are in fact quasi-isomorphisms.

Step 3 – It holds $\epsilon_* T \epsilon^* = \mu \cdot T$ for some $\mu \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$. Indeed, consider the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^\bullet \tilde{Y} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{Y} \\ \epsilon^* \uparrow & & \downarrow \epsilon_* \\ \wedge^\bullet \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{X} \end{array} \quad \text{respectively} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \\ \epsilon^* \uparrow & & \downarrow \epsilon_* \\ \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \end{array}$$

One has that there exists a proper analytic subset $S_{\tilde{Y}}$ of $\tilde{Y} \setminus \text{Sing}(\tilde{Y})$ such that $S_{\tilde{Y}}$ has measure zero in \tilde{Y} and

$$\epsilon|_{\tilde{Y} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{Y}) \cup S_{\tilde{Y}})}: \tilde{Y} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{Y}) \cup S_{\tilde{Y}}) \rightarrow \tilde{X} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) \cup \epsilon(S_{\tilde{Y}}))$$

is a finitely-sheeted covering mapping of sheeting number $\mu \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$. Let $\mathcal{U} := \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ be an open covering of $\tilde{X} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) \cup \epsilon(S_{\tilde{Y}}))$, and let $\{\rho_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ be an associated partition of unity. For every $\varphi, \psi \in \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}$, one has that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \epsilon_* T. \epsilon^* \varphi, \psi \rangle &= \langle T. \epsilon^* \varphi, \epsilon^* \psi \rangle = \int_{\tilde{Y}} \epsilon^* \varphi \wedge \epsilon^* \psi = \int_{\tilde{Y}} \epsilon^* (\varphi \wedge \psi) = \int_{\tilde{Y} - (\text{Sing}(\tilde{Y}) \cup S_{\tilde{Y}})} \epsilon^* (\varphi \wedge \psi) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \int_{\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)} \epsilon^* (\rho_\alpha (\varphi \wedge \psi)) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{\# \{U \in \mathcal{U} : \pi^{-1}(U) = \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}} \int_{U_\alpha} \rho_\alpha (\varphi \wedge \psi) \\ &= \mu \cdot \int_{\tilde{X} - (\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) \cup \epsilon(S_{\tilde{Y}}))} \varphi \wedge \psi = \mu \cdot \int_{\tilde{X}} \varphi \wedge \psi = \langle \mu T. \varphi, \psi \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and hence one gets that

$$\epsilon_* T. \epsilon^* = \mu \cdot T. .$$

Step 4 – Conclusion. Hence one has the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\ker(d: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(d: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} & \xrightarrow{T.} & \frac{\ker(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} , \\ \uparrow \epsilon_{dR}^* & & \downarrow \epsilon_{*}^{dR} \\ \frac{\ker(d: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(d: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} & \xrightarrow{T.} & \frac{\ker(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} \end{array}$$

such that

$$\epsilon_{*}^{dR} T. \epsilon_{dR}^* = \mu \cdot T. ,$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} & \xrightarrow{T.} & \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} , \\ \uparrow \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^* & & \downarrow \epsilon_{*}^{\bar{\partial}} \\ \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} & \xrightarrow{T.} & \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} \end{array}$$

such that

$$\epsilon_{*}^{\bar{\partial}} T. \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^* = \mu \cdot T. ,$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\partial: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} & \xrightarrow{T.} & \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} , \\ \uparrow \epsilon_{BC}^* & & \downarrow \epsilon_{*}^{BC} \\ \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\partial: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} & \xrightarrow{T.} & \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\partial: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} \end{array}$$

such that

$$\epsilon_{*}^{BC} T. \epsilon_{BC}^* = \mu \cdot T. .$$

Since $T.$ are isomorphisms in cohomology, one gets that

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{R}) , \quad \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) , \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) .$$

are injective. \square

Corollary 3.2. *Let \tilde{Y} and \tilde{X} be compact complex orbifolds of the same dimension, and let $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ be a proper surjective morphism of complex orbifolds. If \tilde{Y} satisfies the $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -Lemma, then also \tilde{X} satisfies the $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -Lemma.*

Proof. One has the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) & \xrightarrow[1:1]{\epsilon_{BC}^*} & H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) \\ \downarrow \text{id}_{\tilde{X}}^* & & \downarrow \text{id}_{\tilde{Y}}^* \\ H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow[1:1]{\epsilon_{dR}^*} & H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C}) \end{array}$$

where $\text{id}_{\tilde{X}}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C})$ and $\text{id}_{\tilde{Y}}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C})$ are the natural maps induced in cohomology by the identity. Since $\text{id}_{\tilde{Y}}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C})$ is injective by the assumption that \tilde{Y} satisfies the $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -Lemma,

and $\epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y})$ and $\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C})$ are injective by Theorem 3.1, we get that also $\text{id}_{\tilde{X}}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C})$ is injective, and hence \tilde{X} satisfies the $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma. \square

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